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EQUAL RIGHTS

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Will Balance Our Constitution."*

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NATIONAL WOMAN'S PARTY

OBJECT

To secure for women complete equality with men under the law and in all human relationships—in particular to secure the adoption of the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution, and the adherence of the United States to the Equal Rights Treaty. The Woman's Party also supports the proposed Equality Amendments to the Covenant of the League of Nations.

THE PROPOSED EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

"Art. 1—Men and women shall have Equal Rights throughout the United States and every place subject to its jurisdiction.

"Art. 2—Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

Introduced

Senate—By Senator Townsend (Del.), and Senator Burke, (Neb.), Feb. 5, 1937, (Senate Joint Resolution No. 65).

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Present Status

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House—Before Judiciary Committee; favorable report by sub-judiciary committee June 16, 1937.

THE EQUAL RIGHTS TREATY

"Art. 1—The contracting States agree that upon the ratification of this Treaty men and women shall have Equal Rights throughout the territory subject to their respective jurisdictions."

Signed

By Cuba, Ecuador, Paraguay, and Uruguay, at Montevideo, December, 1933.

PROPOSED EQUALITY AMENDMENTS TO COVENANT OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS

"The members of the League undertake that in their respective countries the right of vote shall not be denied or abridged on the ground of sex."

"The members of the League undertake that in their respective countries there shall be no distinction based on sex in their law and practice regarding nationality."

"The members of the League undertake that in their respective countries men and women shall have equal rights in all other fields."

"The members of the League undertake that there shall be both men and women, with full voting powers, in all delegations to the Council and Assembly of the League and to all Conferences under the auspices of the League."

Present Status

Before the League of Nations Committee on Status of Women.

Safeguard Democracy!

DURING the recent election in Massachusetts, the majority in many districts voted favorably on a referendum requesting state legislators to enact laws barring married women from jobs in public service.

This evidence of intolerance on the part of Massachusetts, with its Plymouth Rock, where the Pilgrim Fathers first set foot on a soil they dedicated to freedom, comes as a shock to women.

The striking illustration of the trend toward depriving women of their gains should be sufficient proof that there is immediate necessity for an amendment to the Federal Constitution, guaranteeing them an equal status with men under law. The purpose of a Constitution is to make secure a form of Government, and under a democracy a Constitution stands between citizens and a variable public opinion constantly swayed by prejudices of the moment. Were this not so, no class of citizens would be safe from the whims of other classes, *nor would our democracy be safe.*

It is inconceivable that Massachusetts with its Colonial and Revolutionary War traditions, should ask that citizens, from whom the state collects taxes, be excluded from jobs their taxes help support.

It was citizens of Massachusetts, who years ago proclaimed: "Taxation without representation is tyranny," and cast into Boston harbor cases of tea with the unjust tax. Now, it is citizens of Massachusetts who demand taxes from women citizens and ask that they be barred from holding jobs for which their taxes pay, if they marry men who have jobs of any description "adequate for their support." Who is to determine and by what right? Are married women to be prohibited from bettering the condition of themselves and their families, if they so desire and are capable of so doing? Men are not so prohibited. Does Massachusetts no longer value freedom and liberty? Do those whose ancestors became Minute Men in a Revolution to free themselves from oppression, now desire to oppress one class of citizens?

The referendum did not consider barring from public office men whose wives are employed. Newspaper reports do not state that the legislation asked shall apply only to a wife, whose husband is on the public payroll, but on *any* payroll.

Edith Bartlett Conway, chairman of the National Woman's Party Massachusetts Branch, says: "Let us not confuse our economic problems with our freedom." A comparatively small proportion of women in Massachusetts hold positions in the public service, and if *all* of them were discharged, it would not be a drop in the bucket in solving the economic problem. At what then is this reactionary and undemocratic move aimed? Are there at work in the United States the identical forces that have deprived women in some foreign nations of the gains of a century?

Democracy is at stake! It is as important to our democracy as it is to women that the proper safeguards be thrown around our form of Government, if we want to keep it. Citizens whose rights are protected and who are dealt with justly, seldom turn to alien philosophies of government in preference to their own.

Women of the United States should profit by the experience of their sisters in other lands, avoiding their mistakes of apathy and procrastination. There must be in the Constitution of the United States an Amendment guaranteeing that "Men and women shall have equal rights throughout the United States and every place subject to its jurisdiction."

Is it time for another Boston Tea Party?

Official Action Creates World Woman's Party

OFFICIAL action was taken Sunday, November 20, 1938, creating for the first time in history a world-wide organization dedicated to the belief that men and women equally are entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness in their own way, under conditions hampering neither to the advantage of the other.

The World Woman's Party, initiated by the National Woman's Party and endorsed by unanimous vote at its biennial convention held in October in Detroit, was incorporated and officers and directors for the first year elected. The meeting was held at Alva Belmont House, National headquarters of the National Woman's Party on Capitol Hill, in Washington, D. C.

Headquarters of the newly created World Woman's Party will be in Geneva, where a house of comparable beauty and dignity has been taken and will serve as a center of cooperative activity of women of all nations, who are interested alike in advancing the cause of women of all nations, and of safeguarding from adverse international action gains already won.

Alice Paul, founder of the National Woman's Party, will be the first chairman of the World Woman's Party.

Elected to serve with her for the coming year were Mrs. Katherine Boyle, of Megeve, treasurer; Mrs. Amy C. Ransome, Washington, D. C., assistant treasurer.

Great Britain will be represented on the Board of Directors by Mrs. Emmeline Pethick-Lawrence; Sweden by Mrs. Rickard Sandler, wife of the Swedish Minister of Foreign Affairs, and by Dr. Hannah Rydh, head of thirty-eight Swedish organizations of women and delegate from Sweden to the League of Nations Assembly; India by Mrs. Margaret Cousins, noted woman leader of her country, member of the Executive Committee of the All Asian Conference of Women, of which she is past president, all of whom are prominent internationally as well as in their own countries, and are recognized leaders in the movement for improving the status of women.

Organization of the World Woman's Party was urged, and establishment of a headquarters in Geneva hailed with joy by these and other women long active in the movement abroad for woman suffrage and for

**HISTORIC ACTION TAKEN NOVEMBER 20 AT
WOMAN'S PARTY HEADQUARTERS;
ALICE PAUL, CHAIRMAN**

equality of status of women with men in their respective countries and in any international agreements that have been or may be made.

"I am delighted to hear of the formation of the World Party and of the center you have decided to take in Geneva," wrote Mrs. Pethick-Lawrence in a letter to Miss Paul accepting membership on the Board of Directors and enclosing a contribution to the first year's work. "At a time like this, nothing

could be more encouraging to all who have the status of women throughout the world at heart."

"I am delighted," wrote Erica Butler-Bowdon, Treasurer of The Equal Rights International. "I look upon it as an event of great international significance in the history of our cause."

"The world is now so closely knit," said Alice Paul, "that it is no longer possible for any movement which concerns women all over the world to be localized in any one country. And so the movement which began in our own country at Seneca Falls in 1848, and which has been taken up by groups of women in all countries, must now be made a unified world movement, to protect all women from attack through any world organization."

"In thus throwing our own power into a unified world organization, we are not only strengthening the defenses of women in all countries, but are bringing their strength into our own struggle against the perpetration of injustices upon American women through international treaties."

Under the articles of incorporation the nature and objective of the World Woman's Party are defined

From Certificate of Incorporation World Woman's Party

We, the undersigned citizens of the United States, a majority of whom are citizens of the District of Columbia, have associated ourselves together, under the corporate name of **WORLD WOMAN'S PARTY**.

The term for which the society is organized is perpetual.

The particular business and objects of the society are educational, to the end that public sentiment throughout the world may be brought to recognize and establish liberty and equality without distinction of sex.

The number of directors of the society for the first year of its existence shall be thirty.

Signed by:

Alice Paul	Clara Snell Wolfe
Sarah Thompson Pell	Caroline Lexow Babcock
Jane Norman Smith	Ellen N. LaMotte
Anna Kelton Wiley	Helen Hunt West
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Mary Stockton Brown	Mary Moss Wellborn
Elizabeth Hatfield Schnabel	Hazel Hunkins Hallinan

as follows:

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The incorporators elected the officers, who are charged with the administration of the World Woman's Party in its first campaign.

The scene was an historic one in the Woman Move-

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Sliding Backward From The Beginning

By Ethel Ernest Murrell

EDITOR'S NOTE: Ethel Ernest Murrell is a native of Wyoming, a lawyer and lecturer. Her home is now in Miami, Florida, where she conducts a radio broadcast on women's activities, and where her husband, John Murrell, is a prominent attorney. She is devoting much of her time to a campaign to equalize the laws of Florida at the 1939 session of the Florida legislature. Mrs. Murrell is Chairman of the Florida Branch, National Woman's Party.

WYOMING, named by the Indians: "land where the mountains lie down to make a habitation for man," is the state which is enshrined in the feminine consciousness as the first to give the vote, freely and unasked, to women. But Wyoming, I discovered on my recent trip to that most beautiful of states, is slipping. Slowly but surely her women have grown apathetic. Lulled by their possession of a set of laws which are among the most liberal in the world, the women of Wyoming have lowered guard a little. Consequently, such ordinances as one forbidding married women to teach in the Wyoming schools (introduced time after time and killed in the State Legislature) have, nevertheless, been put in force by many local schools, led by the example of the State University at Laramie.

The Statutes of Wyoming read: "A married woman shall be enabled to enter any kind of business and conduct it as freely as though she were single." Still, the moment she marries, she will lose her position as a teacher in the University of Wyoming.

It is the greater pity when one remembers that from the rostrum of the auditorium in the old main building of that same University, Carrie Chapman Catt, a few years back, arose to congratulate and thank the people of Wyoming for their liberal attitude toward women.

In Laramie, the first woman Justice of the Peace held office. Women have voted there so long, and managed their affairs, that freedom is as natural to them as to breathe the fine, pure, western air. Yet, the moment that Wyoming became a state, she repealed an edict giving women equal jury duty with men, and wrote as a qualification of a juror: "A juror shall be a male," et cetera. Nor, so far as I know, has any aggregate voice of women arisen to protest this. Perhaps they felt with all their other privileges they could afford to pass up jury duty. But be that as it may, the next step has been taken to undo the work of liberty, and married women have been ousted from the schools!

I personally know of one woman whose work in dramatics in the University won her national acclaim. She fostered and nursed her department until she brought it into growth. A huge rock valley, to the east of Laramie, takes its name from a pageant named and written by this woman. Yet, because she was also a wife and mother, and for no other reason, Mable Land DeKay was ousted from her position of years standing, when the school board ruled against women.

It was my privilege this summer to talk with Mary Bellamy, whose work for women in the early days of Wyoming is well known. She explained to me that when Wyoming came into the sisterhood of states, the California code was partially adopted. The community property act, however, was omitted from the Statutes of the fledgling state. As a result, Wyoming women were left with no dower from the Common Law, no right of descent and distribution as laid down by the Spanish, and, in short, with no rights of inheritance in their husbands' property. Together with a handful of determined women, Mary Bellamy decided this wrong must be righted. She was elected to the Legislature of Wyoming, where she sponsored, and put

through, a bill giving each spouse a reciprocal right of inheritance in the other's property—"one-half to go upon the death of either to the surviving spouse."

Mary Bellamy was responsible, during her career, for many another piece of liberal legislation that would have gone a-begging, had there been no women there to help it toward success. I am proud that even in those days of pioneering, when men so needed and valued the presence of good women that they were willing to concede much to obtain it, no unfair advantage was sought nor wanted by the women.

"Equality" was all they asked then, as now—the right to freedom as citizens, sharing the rights and responsibilities of the community with their men. Mrs. Bellamy is still interested in women's rights, and assures me she will make every effort to stem the present backward trend. Let us hope the rest of the citizenry will arouse itself.

This prairie state, Wyoming, is entitled to the most fervent thanks of women throughout the nation and the world. Wyoming led the way toward equality. She must now keep her balance, refusing to slip backwards. Under Wyoming laws, a woman, married or single, is entitled to all the privileges of an adult and equal citizen. In only two instances does Wyoming fail. First—the jury duty denial is a law, a law of old standing which should be repealed. Second—the "married-women-shall-not-teach act," which has so far been unable to attain the status of a law, but it is the more dangerous of the two, and it is on its way. I am firmly convinced that a determined woman, having lost her job to the sniveling, medieval ruling of a local school board, could have this ruling declared illegal if she would only go to court about it. So far, no one has brought a test case. How I wish they would!

Wyoming is a country of far-sightedness. Standing on the great plains, one sees the ice-tipped mountains, eight miles away, as clearly as though they stood just over the front gate. Wyoming laws, and practices, have in general shown the same clear vision. Let us hope they will permit no backward trend to take away the proud liberal tradition that has been the birthright of the state!

What Better Christmas Gift?

What better Christmas gift for a woman than a subscription to Equal Rights?

Through Equal Rights you may inform her concerning her status under the law and in the economic field, which means the conditions under which she lives.

Through Equal Rights you may inform her how to help to better her status and that of her daughter, her granddaughter and other women of future generations.

Send in \$1 for each subscription you desire to give as a Christmas gift, together with the names of those to whom you desire that Equal Rights be sent, and we will notify them in time for Christmas.

Make your contribution to the cause and at the same time make your gift a real gift—a woman's gift to a woman!

News From The Field

NEW PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH

A new branch of the National Woman's Party has been organized in Pennsylvania. Following close upon a meeting of prominent club women representing many organizations, held at "Peacedale Farm," Anselma, Pa., the country home of Mrs. Coleman Peace Brown, a second meeting on November 16 resulted in the formation of a branch headed by the following officers: Chairman, Mrs. Coleman Peace Brown, Anselma; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Lloyd Renshaw, West Chester; Treasurer, Mrs. Joseph T. Berta, Chester Springs; Recording secretary, Mrs. Louis Belrose, West Chester; Contact Committee Chairman, Mrs. Carroll L. Reed, West Chester.

At the preliminary meeting, which was in the nature of a tea, Mrs. Florence Bayard Hilles, of Wilmington, Del., immediate past National Chairman of the National Woman's Party, and a member of the National Executive Council, was the principal speaker. Mrs. Hilles explained the purpose of the Party and its objectives, and gave many illustrations of legal discriminations against women. Her personal observations, her close association with the struggle of women of the United States for many years, and her informal, but convincing way of talking with women, rather than to them, won many new supporters for the Equal Rights Amendment.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hatfield Schnabel, Pennsylvania Chairman of the Woman's Party, told of the work of the pioneers of the movement, then introduced Mary Winsor, of Haverford, Pa., who was long active in the Woman's Party. Miss Winsor spoke briefly on the Equal Rights Movement and the increasing widespread interest in it.

Mrs. Brown, the new Chairman, is convinced that women of the United States are facing an emergency.

MARYLAND MEETING

The Equal Rights Seal Campaign was presented and the campaign for the Equal Rights Amendment outlined at a meeting of the Business and Professional Women's Council of the Maryland Branch, National Woman's Party held in Baltimore on the evening of November 15.

Mrs. Dora Ogle, of the National Council, spoke on various phases of the work and displayed a chart, showing the status of women under Maryland law. Plans are under way for a legislative program for the state, and in addition the Business and Professional Women's Council is preparing to take an active part in the National campaign for the Equal Rights Amendment.

Helen Hunt West, Editor of EQUAL RIGHTS and a member of the Equal Rights Seal Campaign Committee, told of the widespread interest in the drive to proclaim through use of the seals on letters and packages, the justness of an equal status for men and women under law.

Seals were placed on sale by the Maryland Branch chairman, Mrs. George Halsey, who, encouraged by the enthusiasm of members and the success of the sale in Maryland to date, ordered fifty additional sheets.

The Council voted to make a contribution of \$10 to the World Woman's Party, and pledged cooperation to the Seal Campaign.

Mrs. Annette Jurgens, chairman, presided, Mrs.

Maude Webb opening the meeting. At the speakers table in addition to Mrs. West and Mrs. Ogle were Mrs. Halsey and Mrs. Amelia Himes Walker, who were introduced and spoke briefly.

TO SPEAK IN MASSACHUSETTS

Laura Berrien, national treasurer of the National Woman's Party, is scheduled to speak December 7 before members of the American Association of University Women. At this time Miss Berrien speaks in her capacity of president of the National Association of Women Lawyers, which is one of the seventeen national organizations campaigning for the Equal Rights Amendment.

Speaking in opposition to the Amendment on this occasion will be Mrs. Arthur Whittemore, Chairman of the Department of Legal Status of Women, Massachusetts League of Women Voters.

NATIONAL ORGANIZER IN EAST

Mrs. Clara Snell Wolfe, of Ohio, Organization Chairman, National Woman's Party, after attending a meeting of the National Executive Council of the Party in Washington, D. C., left Thanksgiving morning for Boston, Mass., to visit the Boston Branch.

Mrs. Wolfe, who is a member of the Equal Rights Seal Campaign Committee, a meeting of which she attended at Alva Belmont House, National Headquarters, will spend some time in the New England states promoting the work of the organization.

TOLEDO BRANCH

Through the efforts of Martha Souder, a branch of the Woman's Party has been organized in Toledo, Ohio, under the leadership of Miss Souder's cousin, Mrs. Louis Underwood Bruyère, who has been elected chairman.

Serving as Congressional Chairman will be Mrs. Florence Wells, through whose interest Helen Robbins Bittermann of Columbus, Ohio, was invited to speak on the Equal Rights Amendment in Toledo last winter.

FLORIDA CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Ethel Ernest Murrell, of Fifteenth Road and Brickell, Miami, has been appointed Florida Chairman of the National Woman's Party, succeeding Helen Hunt West, editor of EQUAL RIGHTS and a member of the Congressional Committee.

Mrs. Murrell has already organized the Equal Rights Seal campaign in Miami and plans to extend the organization to other parts of Florida. She is a gifted young feminist and is making a splendid record as a worker for the freedom of women.

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Thanksgiving Message From Woman's Party National Chairman

Thanksgiving is a good time to rehearse blessings and the National Woman's Party is not lacking in gratitude.

Among the many blessings which we can be most thankful for, the Seal Campaign, inaugurated by the Equal Rights Committee, is outstanding. The genuine interest and faith in the rightness of the Equal Rights Amendment shown by the business men who have undertaken the manufacture and direction of distributing the seals is very encouraging and we must now do our share in the campaign, interesting all women to use these seals as a symbol of our allegiance to our ideal of equal rights with men in the basic law of our country, the Constitution of the United States.

The result will be first, the financing of a truly adequate magazine—second, after this has been accomplished, helping to finance the National Woman's Party in order to obtain the Amendment without longer delay, and third, bringing our message to millions of American citizens, thereby strengthening the cause of women throughout the world and enabling us to aid the World Woman's Party which is now an established fact.

The details of the Campaign will be handled from New York and will be advertised in the magazine. It is not out of proportion for women to expect to raise many millions of dollars in the interest of women, especially today when the need for women to defend their rights has never been greater.

Back in 1916 the women in the little town near which I spend my summers, were raising money for the Liberty Loan. One Monday we put up a huge sign on the side wall of a building on the village street. It read:

Our quota	\$50,000.00
The Nation's quota	\$6,000,000,000.00

By Thursday we reached our quota. The sign then read: "We have reached our quota—we are now working on the Nation's quota." It gave us mighty satisfaction to think that we were taking part in a six billion dollar enterprise.

The National Woman's Party members are offered a great opportunity. Our goal is one million dollars. When that is obtained we may work on the World's quota—many million dollars—in order that Women the world over shall obtain Equal Status with Men.

And be ye thankful.

(Signed) SARAH PELL.

World Woman's Party

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ment of the world. On a long table in the drawing room of Alva Belmont House, grouped about Alice Paul, who is blazing still another trail for women, reposed the Certificate of Incorporation of the World Woman's Party. With the solemnity inspired by a realization of the significance of the occasion, one by one, members of the group affixed their signatures, Alice Paul signing first.

The personnel of the group itself, told a story. It included many crusaders in the struggle for the freedom of women—women who are still pioneering for equality with men under law and in all human relationships.

Lena Madesin Phillips Approves

The following letter from Lena Madesin Phillips, President of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, honorary president and past president of the National Business and Professional Women's Clubs, was addressed to the Seal Campaign Chairman:

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF BUSINESS
AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUBS

Headquarters, Hotel Biltmore
New York

November 12, 1938.

National Woman's Party
Equal Rights Fund
542 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My Dear Campaign Chairman:

Please find enclosed my order for ten sheets of one hundred each of your new Equal Rights Seal and my check for ten dollars covering the same.

I am glad to participate in this campaign because I so thoroughly believe in the cause for which it stands, equality of status between men and women. It is generous, but wise, of your organization to prepare the seal in such a way that the members of many organizations can use it. I hope that they will see fit to do so, especially as it is more important now than it has been in our lifetime that women make their full social and political contribution. Powers which deny human rights are at work. They approach ever closer to our shores. To limit the right of one great group of human beings, women, as compared with those freely given to the other great group, men, is to leave a dangerous crack in the armor of our democracy. That armor is probably about to be tested to the fullest. May we, its inheritors and guardians, be able to protect and preserve it.

I shall share these seals with my friends and hope that I may be called upon to send an additional order later.

Sincerely,

(Signed) LENA MADESIN PHILLIPS, *President.*

Helen Bittermann, Chairman

Helen Robbins Bittermann, of Columbus, Ohio, has been appointed Chairman of the Congressional Committee with Caroline Lexow Babcock as campaign secretary.

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Mary Pickford Purchases Seals

Mary Pickford, long the idol of the American screen, and a member of the National Woman's Party, on November 16 in her suite at the Carlton Hotel, Washington, D. C., purchased 1,000 Equal Rights Seals for her personal use and that of her business associates. This was the initial sale in the District of Columbia campaign.

An ardent feminist, Miss Pickford, who came to Washington to address the Women's National Press Club, said: "I am convinced more than ever before that it is necessary in these unsettled times that we do everything possible to safeguard our democracy. Until women citizens share it to the same extent men enjoy it, our democracy is not complete. I believe we should extend democracy to women."

Referring to the seals, she said, "These seals are sowing the seed. I hope the campaign will be a success. It *must* succeed because it is right. It proclaims a principle in which I believe."

Miss Pickford purchased her seals from Alma Lutz, of Boston, national chairman of the Seal Campaign; Helen Hunt West, of the National committee; Marie Moore Forrest, Chairman of the Woman's Party District Branch; Vera Johnson, Chairman of the Government Workers Council, and Birsia Shepard, who is helping to promote the sale in the District.

Displaying a sheet of seals, Miss Pickford posed for the picture appearing on the cover of this issue of EQUAL RIGHTS.

Dinner At Alva Belmont House

Marie Moore Forrest, chairman of the District of Columbia Branch, National Woman's Party, presided at a dinner meeting sponsored by the branch and given in the Coach House of Woman's Party National Headquarters on the evening of November 17.

Mrs. Harvey W. Wiley, past national chairman of the Party and now second vice chairman, was the principal speaker, her subject being "A Feminist's Notes of the World." Mrs. Wiley gave her impressions of nations she visited recently on a trip around the world, and dealt particularly with the status and work of women in those countries. She credited women with considerable influence even in lands where there is little semblance of equality.

Alma Lutz, national chairman of the Seal Campaign, reported progress and urged everyone to become a part of the drive to raise funds, and to take the plea for the Equal Rights Amendment, through the use of seals, into every state in the nation. Helen Hunt West, also a member of the committee, spoke in behalf of the campaign.

Helen Robbins Bittermann, of Columbus, Ohio, national secretary of the Party, who with her seven-month-old baby, flew to Washington to attend a meeting of the Executive Council, was another speaker.

Seated at the speakers table with Mrs. Forrest were Alice Paul, founder and leader of the party, Mrs. Wiley, Marguerite Smith, of Boston, chairman of the Investment Committee and a member of Headquarters Committee; Nina E. Allender, of the National Executive Council; Alma Lutz, of Boston, chairman of the Equal Rights and Seal Campaign committees; Mrs. James Carroll Fraser, Mrs. Joseph Lindon Smith, Mrs. Frances Nickel and Dr. Henrietta K. Burton.

National Executive Council

Presided over by Mrs. Stephen H. Pell, national chairman, a meeting of the National Executive Council of the Woman's Party was held at Alva Belmont House, Saturday and Sunday, November 19-20.

Reports of national committees were heard, several of the committees having met just prior to the meeting of the Council. Various other matters of importance were considered and action taken.

Council members present were Mrs. Pell, Mrs. Harvey W. Wiley, second vice-chairman; Mrs. Amy C. Ransome, third vice-chairman; Helen Robbins Bittermann, of Columbus, O., secretary; Laura M. Berrien, treasurer; Mrs. Nina E. Allender, Washington, D. C., Mrs. Rebekah S. Greathouse, Mrs. George Mesta, Anita Pollitzer, Mrs. Clara Snell Wolfe and Alice Paul, ex-officio as president of the World Woman's Party. Miss Marie Lockwood, chairman of the Delaware Branch, represented Mrs. Florence Bayard Hilles, who, owing to illness, was unable to attend.

Alma Lutz and Marguerite Smith of Boston, Mass., arrived several days before the Council meeting in order to attend meetings of their respective committees. Miss Lutz is chairman of the Equal Rights Committee and the National Seal Campaign Committee which met November 18-19. Miss Smith attended meetings of the Investment Committee, of which she is chairman, and the Headquarters Committee, of which she is a member.

The National Executive Council took official action on the nationwide one million dollar seal campaign, now under way. The Council endorsed the campaign and took steps to throw the weight of the entire organization of the Woman's Party into the drive.

Elmore Leffingwell, campaign manager in charge of the Seal Campaign Headquarters in New York and his associates were extended a vote of appreciation.

The meeting is the first since the biennial convention of the Party held in Detroit in October.

Christmas Cards

Attractive Christmas card folders with a picture of Alva Belmont House, National Headquarters on the cover, and "Season's Greetings" inside, are available for 10 cents each, or \$1 per dozen, at National Headquarters, 144 B Street, N. E., Washington, D. C.

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EQUAL RIGHTS is sharing the proceeds of the Seal Campaign with the General Fund of the Woman's Party in order that an intensive campaign for the Equal Rights Amendment can be undertaken at once through all the various channels of activity in the Woman's Party.

With the cooperation of every member of the Woman's Party, the Seal Campaign can give a big impetus to the work for the Equal Rights Amendment. Seals sent far and wide on letters will soon make the country Equal Rights Amendment conscious and will raise much needed funds for the work.

Too long have we let a few carry the burden of work for the Amendment. Now let everyone do her part. We cannot all make speeches or interview Congressmen but we can all share in raising funds for the Amendment Campaign by using seals and selling seals.

ALMA LUTZ,
Chairman, Seal Campaign Committee.

Seal Campaign Assuming Proportions

AS THE NATION-WIDE Equal Rights Seal Campaign begins to swing into its stride, women of prominence throughout the United States are rallying to the support of the drive to proclaim far and wide that "Equal Status for men and women will balance our Constitution."

The National Woman's Party is meeting with widespread response to the appeal to everyone everywhere, who believes in equality, to help spread the idea of the justness of the principle by the use of Equal Rights Seals.

On November 10, the day the seals came from the press, 86,000 were shipped on order from Seal Campaign Headquarters, 542 Fifth Avenue, New York, meaning that almost at the beginning, in the neighborhood of 86,000 seals went forth on an equal number of letters into 86,000 homes, offices, business houses and the like, lobbying for equal rights.

Every mode of transportation used by the United States mails is assisting in the campaign.

Gertrude Atherton writes Mrs. Elizabeth Hatfield Schnabel, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Branch, National Woman's Party: "The stamps are really beautiful and I'll be proud to display them on my letters. . . . I think I'll frame a panel of these stamps when I return to San Francisco."

Lena Madesin Phillips, president of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, honorary president and a past president of the National Business and Professional Women's Clubs, ordering 1,000 seals for her own use, expressed the hope that many organizations will see fit to make use of them.

George Gordon Battle, noted New York lawyer, sending a contribution to the campaign, writes: "I am myself deeply interested in the National Woman's Party. The late Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont was for many years a personal friend and client of mine. Through her I became deeply interested in the Party. . . . I wish you all success."

Mary Pickford, a member of the National Woman's Party and an ardent feminist, making an initial purchase of seals in the District of Columbia, said that she intended using the seals on all her own letters and requesting her business associates to do likewise. Cam-

paign Headquarters noted with interest that following this sale a request came for "some of the seals Mary Pickford is going to use."

In New York plans are being made for a number of meetings to be held in hotels and private homes, where those interested in the campaign will tell others and enlist their support, impressing upon them that the campaign is not merely buying or selling seals, but *using* seals.

The Equal Rights Seal Campaign needs and solicits the support of every man and woman in the country, who believes that the Constitution of the United States should guarantee to men and women citizens an equal share in democracy. The purchase and use of Equal Rights Seals will help accomplish this. Order seals today. \$1 per sheet of 100. Address Seal Campaign Headquarters, 542 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Five Women In Next Congress

The number of women lawmakers in the next session of Congress will be diminished by one, as a result of the November general election, although the election itself left the number six, which is the same as last session.

Representatives Nan Wood Honeyman, of Oregon, and Virginia Jenckes of Indiana, lost to their opponents.

Jessie Sumner, Republican, was elected in Illinois and will serve in the next Congress, being the only new woman member.

Gladys Pyle of South Dakota, who defeated J. T. McCullen, Sr., for the short term, which will end when Congress convenes on January 3, will never be seated unless there is a special session before that time, which is not likely. Her name, however, appears on the door of Room 362, Senate Office Building, as United States Senator.

Senator Hattie Caraway, of Arkansas, Democrat, won re-election, as did also Representative Mary T. Norton, Democrat, New Jersey; Representative Edith Nourse Rogers, Republican, Massachusetts, and Representative Caroline O'Day, Democrat, of New York.

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